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## **Editors Lair 15**

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We are pleased to present a rare post-2020 number in which Covid does not figure, though we clearly have not seen the last of its mutations and consequences. To be on the safe side, our Psychoanalysis and the Public Sphere conference this year, cosponsored again by the fine folks at the Freud Museum, (24-25 September) will remain online, hopefully for the last time. Programme and registration details will be out next month

Speaking of online matters, there are serious rumbles - and indeed publishing house offers in hand - regarding Free Associations Journal going back to a print edition, perhaps even next year. Such an arrangement would involve trade-offs between the free-to-all online availability we now have (and prize), and the subscription ring-fencing that a more costly print operation would entail. We are considering the options, and hoping to arrive at a solution that continues to make the journal as accessible as possible at least or no cost to our readers. More on that anon. We might even opt to let things stay as they are. We just don't know yet.

In this issue Chris Joannidis leads off with a fascinating and evocative essay on home and homelessness. Ryan LaMothe then offers another of his wide-ranging but pointed essays, this time on political violence and all its permutations and consequences. Xinqi Chen provides a searing and illuminating exploration of a fraught mother-daughter relationship geographically and culturally spanning China and The United Kingdom. On the centenary of the publication of Freud's *Group psychology and The Analysis of The Ego*, Lene Auestad and Sabby Sagall offer insights on the book's contemporary relevance. Finally, Jerome Braun takes an interesting and audacious historical stab, in the wake of Fromm and others, at pinning personality maladies to epochal stages (pre-feudal, feudal and post-feudal). We never discourage grounded speculation so long as it is presented as such.